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## News Release

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### **BLM DESIGNATES GUFFEY GORGE FOR DAY USE ONLY**

*Cañon City* – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office is making several regulation changes for the use of public lands in the Guffey Gorge area of Park County located about 10 miles northeast of Guffey and adjacent to Park County Road 102 near the Teller County line.

The regulation changes to the area include: designating the area as day use only; no fireworks or open fires (gas stoves or gas grills are permitted); no glass containers; and no recreational target shooting (including paintball). While leaving the area open, these regulations are intended to reduce resource damage and user conflicts and enhance public safety.

Over the past 5 years, a significant increase in recreational use on this small tract (80 acres) of public land has resulted in resource damage, user conflicts, and safety hazards to visitors and adjacent private landowners. Many of these problems are associated with overnight camping in the area. Significant resource damage has resulted from the cutting of trees to fuel bonfires and the proliferation of campsites and campfires in the riparian area of West Fourmile Creek. In addition, adjacent landowners and members of the nearby community of Guffey have expressed many concerns about current recreation use in this area including: campfires and fireworks resulting in wildfire; recreational target shooting endangering adjacent residences and increased vandalism of adjacent private property.

The rules for Guffey Gorge will be effective on April 27, 2006. For more information, contact Leah Quesenberry, Bureau of Land Management, 3170 East Main Street, Cañon City, CO 81212, (719) 269-8547.

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